

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT

Approval Authority	Senate
Responsible Executive	Provost and Vice-President, Academic
Related Policies / Legislation	Admission (80) Prerequisites and Co-requisites (84) Graduate Course and Program Approval (209) Undergraduate Course and Program Approval (21) <i>University Act, s. 35.2 (5)(d)</i>

PURPOSE

This policy is to establish minimum English language requirements for admission to post-secondary studies at the University of the Fraser Valley (UFV)

SCOPE

This policy applies to all UFV post-secondary programs, excluding those with approved exemptions published in the UFV calendar.

DEFINITIONS

In this policy, the following definitions apply:

Post-secondary program: A program that is considered university level.

Preparatory program: A program at the pre-undergraduate or developmental level designed to upgrade or enhance English and/or academic skills in preparation for post-secondary studies.

POLICY

As English is the primary language of instruction at UFV, students are required to have a minimum level of English language proficiency to be successful in post-secondary studies. To facilitate student success, UFV shall establish language proficiency requirements for admission to post-secondary programs.

Applicants for admission to any UFV post-secondary program shall be required to meet at least post-secondary entry-level language proficiency. Applicants to bachelor degrees, associate degrees, diplomas, graduate-level programs, and post-baccalaureate programs shall be required to meet at least degree/diploma level language proficiency.

Applicants meet the English language proficiency requirement for a program by providing evidence they have met one of the options listed in the English Language Proficiency Standards published in the UFV academic calendar. Admission to post-secondary programs allows students the opportunity to register for courses numbered 100 or higher, subject to meeting

specific course prerequisites and program requirements. Students who meet Degree/diploma-level proficiency will also meet the course prerequisites for ENGL 105 and CMNS 155.

UFV supports students in improving their language skills while studying at UFV. Applicants who do not meet the minimum level of language proficiency for admission to a post-secondary program will be given the opportunity to improve their English language proficiency through UFV's preparatory programs.

REGULATIONS

1. All students are expected to meet the minimum language requirement. Programs that seek an English Language Proficiency that differs from the institutional minimum must have their language requirement approved through the new program or program change process and must demonstrate a compelling rationale. The language requirements for each program will be published in the UFV academic calendar.
2. Senate delegates to UEC the responsibility to set standards and ensure they are published in the UFV academic calendar. The Undergraduate Education Committee (UEC) maintains and reviews English language proficiency standards. Requests to modify these standards are submitted to UEC with a rationale and evidence of consultation. UEC ensures the Graduate Studies Committee is consulted. Modifications that make it more difficult for students to meet the English language proficiency requirement are published in the UFV calendar at least 12 months prior to the semester they take effect.
3. Student requests for exceptions to the language requirement for admission to a program must be submitted in writing, with evidence of language proficiency, to the Office of the Registrar. They will be considered by a standing committee established by the Undergraduate Education Committee or Graduate Studies Committee.

APPENDICES

English Language Proficiency Standards, published in the UFV academic calendar, published annually.